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Crop Insurance Scheme

* 243 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to introduce a Crop Insurance Scheme in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether a Crop Insurance Scheme is under examination by this Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It has been felt that the people are not insurance-minded and the monsoon is fluctuating. Therefore, there is no proposal at present to take up crop insurance.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Have this Government examined the Crop Insurance Scheme introduced in the Punjab?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. The Government have examined the whole question and considered that the time is not yet ripe for introducing crop insurance in this State.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : No doubt, Sir, monsoon is uncertain. But that does not mean that crop insurance is not necessary. Insurance is intended to benefit people in cases of uncertainty. Have the Government taken that factor into consideration?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The ryots also should be prepared for this. They are not yet fully insurance-minded.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* DECISION OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN : At a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee held at 2-30 p.m. on the 21st August 1961, the following programme of business has been decided :—

22nd August 1961 .. .. **23rd August 1961 .. ..** **3 p.m.**	**Discussion on the Madras State Electricity Board Budget for the year 1961–62.**
24th August 1961 .. .. **11 a.m.**	**Presentation of the First Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1961–62.**
25th August 1961 .. .. **26th August 1961 .. ..**	**No meeting.**
27th August 1961	**Holiday.**
28th August 1961	**Discussion on the First Supplementary Statement of expenditure for 1961–62.**

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Consideration of the following Official Bills.

29th August 1961 .. .. 30th August 1961 .. .. 3 p.m.	1 The Madras Co-operative Societies Bill, 1961. 2 The Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection and Payment of Fair Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1961. 3 The Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1961. 4 The Madras Tenants and Ryots Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1961. 5 The Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill, 1961.
31st August 1961 .. .. 3 p.m.	1 The Madras Appropriation Bill, 1961. 2 Discussion on the Flood Situation.
1st September 1961 .. .. 3 p.m.	Non-official business.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, May I suggest that, on the 28th as there may not be enough work for the day (for we have only discussion on the Supplementary estimates), we may include official business also for that day? I have consulted the hon. the Leader of the Opposition and he has agreed to this.

MR. CHAIRMAN : If the House agrees, I have no objection. (After a pause) We will take up other official business also on the 28th in addition to the discussion of Supplementary Estimates.

III.—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

DISCUSSION ON THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1961–62 AND SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1960–61 OF THE MADRAS STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD. 3–10 p.m.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I do not want to take much of the time of the House by way of offering my opening remarks on the Annual Financial Statement for 1961–62 and Supplementary Financial Statement for 1960–61 of the Madras State Electricity Board. I have already circulated a note on this which will enable hon. Members to have a good discussion on the working of the Electricity Board. The note does not merely enumerate what we have done during the course of the last year. This year being the first year of the Third Five-Year Plan, I have tried to give as much information as possible of what we have done during the First Plan period, what we have achieved during the Second Plan period, and what we intend to achieve during the Third Plan period. If we look into the note, we will find that we have concentrated not only on one side of development, but we have also tried to meet the demands which come from many types of consumers. We found during the Second Plan period there was great demand for rural electrification, particularly from agriculturists. The note brings out the importance we have given to rural electrification, and how this has created a new thinking in the minds of the agriculturists in the villages. I am extremely happy to note that in the Third Plan, as accepted by the Government of India, the opening paragraph on power development stresses the importance of the same thing that we have been trying to do all these years. The Planning Commission and the Government of India have recognised that rural electrification is not done merely